

Three sports cut from program

Laura Widmer

Swimming, golf and gymnastics teams will not compete in the 1978-79 school year. At a May 7 meeting, the Board of Regents acted on a recommendation by Dr. John Mees, vice-president for student development, to discontinue the three sports.

Dr. Mees' proposal was made after several consultations with Acting Athletic Director Dick Flanagan, Assistant Athletic Director Sherri Reeves, swimming coach Lewis Dyche, golf coach Bob Gregory and gymnastics coach Sandra Mull.

"I wish we could have kept all three sports," said Dr. Mees. "We reviewed all athletic programs and due to inadequate facilities, rising transportation costs and competitiveness we had to reach this decision."

Inadequate facilities, was the reason for the swimming program to be dropped. The present facility is 52 years old. According to Dr. Mees, the pool is inadequate for athletic competition, as well as recreational and instructional offerings.

A proposal to discontinue swimming was discussed twice last semester. However

after the Missouri Legislature vetoed the \$1.2 million Lamkin Gym renovation plan, which included a new swimming pool, the proposal was finalized. But the legislature did grant \$50,000 for a University planning committee to finalize the master plan for the Lamkin renovation.

"The \$50,000 was a token to see if we need a pool," said Flanagan. "Discontinuing the program was our answer to the legislature to tell them we don't have adequate facilities to support a swimming program."

Dyche agreed the pool is inadequate for competition and recruitment. "We had trouble scheduling meets here because of the facilities," he said. "Although I hate to lose the swimming program, if we continued with what we got, we'd never be able to have an outstanding program."

Although the facilities were bad, 26 men tried out for the team. However, the pool was too small to hold that many swimmers. "We didn't have enough room for all of them because the pool will just fit 18 people," said Dave Nemeth, senior swimmer.

Nemeth felt the swimmers had a winning team, but there was no competitiveness because of the pool's size. "We had a great diver on the team, but he couldn't dive effectively because he'd always hit his head on the ceiling," said Nemeth.

Golf was dropped because of a lack of facilities, limited practice time on the Maryville Country Club Course, inclement weather conditions and the shortening of the school year. "I hated to see them drop the sport," said Gregory, "but there were just too many factors against it."

Lack of adequate facilities was also a reason for dropping gymnastics program. Also cited by Dr. Mees for discontinuing the program was a lack of recruiting competitive athletes from the surrounding

area and limitation of competition without a substantial increase in travel expenses.

The budgets from the three sports will be absorbed into other athletic programs. According to Flanagan this will compensate in the rising costs of the other programs.

Flanagan estimated 38 students would be affected by the discontinuations.

However 11 swimmers were on scholarships and will not be able to receive their money next year.

"We had \$1,400 that we divided in various sums between the 11 swimmers," Dyche said. "I've told them if they wanted to transfer, their eligibility would be good and I'd help them out. I feel empathy for the kids who have to move on."

Going down



Enrollment figures are gradually decreasing from summer to summer, with this year being no exception. Early enrollment shows that as of June 13, 1,360 students are in summer school as compared to 1,563 in 1977 and 1,644 in 1976. Figures do increase substantially, however, and by the second five weeks the number will have grown. According to Dr. John Mees, vice-president for student development, "Summer is different because it's almost a continuous enrollment." Final figures will be reported by the MISSOURIAN later this summer. [Photo by Frank Mercer]

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Air conditioning: Hot summer news

"With Mother Nature's cooperation, temperatures have remained fairly low in most campus buildings without the use of air conditioners," said Dr. Robert Bush, assistant to the president. However, by June 15, 70 percent of the campus should have air conditioning available.

University officials decided to limit the use of air conditioners until the first of July in order to save energy and money unless temperatures reached the high 80's or low 90's, said Dr. John Mees, vice president for student development. But due to higher temperatures and the number of people on campus, it will be used.

In the past, the systems have been used in early May, approximately one month earlier than this year. "But before personnel services monies (salaries) are available, utility costs are subtracted from the appropriation monies," Dr. Bush explained. Dr. Mees added, "Those involved must attempt to try to be as efficient in energy and money terms as possible for the benefit of the University."

The library, Student Union, broadcast department and computer services received top priority, according to Dr. Mees. "Particular areas where extensive equipment give out a certain amount of heat or require maintenance at certain temperatures required air conditioning earlier. The library was designated as a place for students to study. The union was another

exception because of the large number of people using the various facilities there."

"To air condition the campus is not just a matter of throwing one switch," said Dr. Bush.

To ready one system each year, all equipment must be checked and cleaned. Then water in the cooling towers and machines is checked. Next, a vacuum is built up in the machine slowly, so

maximum efficiency will result. "It takes about two days minimum to ready the equipment for each building," said Max Harris, director of maintenance. "Then the machines are checked regularly, about once a week."

The Fine Arts Building was one of the first to be readied, because of the classes and music camps being held. However, leaky gaskets prevented the vacuum from working correctly, Harris said. The system should be repaired by next week.

"We are so used to air conditioning that now it is difficult for many people to work or study without it," said Dr. Bush. "We have to accommodate different lifestyles on campus. Also, if we don't use air conditioning we lose some students. Then the academic programs suffer."

Dr. Bush cited several hints for those on campus. "Keep individual thermostats as high as possible, not below 76 degrees or 78 degrees and open your windows on nice days."



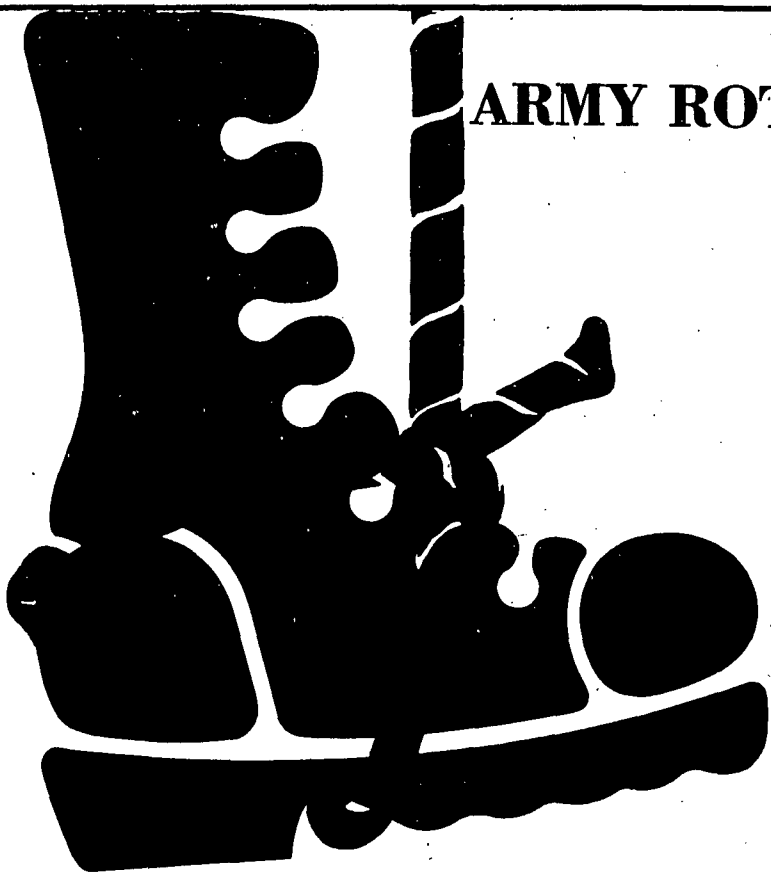
Sweating it out

Fans become an important part of an unairconditioned campus. George Lukens, University Bookstore manager, relaxes in the comfort of his fan-cooled office.

[Photo by Robert Durham]

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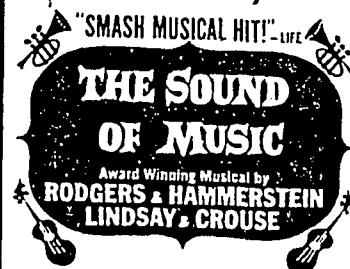


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Budget increases wages, savings

More than \$14.5 million will be pumped into the regional economy beginning July 1 as a result of 1979 budget approved by the Board of Regents last May.

A budget of \$11,580,739 was approved by the Regents for academic and personnel salaries and benefits and other operational costs dealing with education in general. Also a budget of \$3,168,045 was approved for the University housing system. The total of the budgets is \$14,748,784, said Don Henry, University treasurer.

This total represents an approximate eight percent increase over last year mainly due to a general revenue increase of \$838,928.

In addition, Henry said, the University was appropriated \$466,402 by the state legislature, \$50,000 of which will be used by a University committee to plan the renovation of Lamkin Gym and the pool. The other monies will be spent for physical plant improvements such as streets, grounds, building alterations or energy conservation.

General revenue funds make up the

largest slice of the budget, with \$8,849,577 allocated by the General Assembly for personal services and operations. Student fees account for \$1,927,962 and local income is \$317,200.

The general revenue of the budget is \$26,000 more than was previously recommended for the University by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education, Henry said.

The budget follows priority guidelines recommended by a committee composed of academic and staff members along with Student Senate. "Their guidelines were pretty unanimous," Henry said. "Their top priority was personal services which include increasing everyone's salaries and a better benefit program."

Three areas of the budget are: education in general, housing and the capital improvement fund. Each are broken into specific areas.

The budget for education includes personnel salaries at \$6,791,896, benefits totaling \$538,271 and instructional pro-

grams, research, equipment and travel expenses.

The housing budget deals with operation costs of the dorms, food service, student union, bookstore and the games area. It also includes a union board fee incorporated in present tuition fees. In these areas, income may exceed expenditures by approximately \$877,000.

The third area includes the capital improvement fund which deals with general improvements on campus, specific funds such as the Lamkin gym allocation, rent of University property and interest earned on savings.

"The money that we make in excess of the expenditures goes to make the house payment. We still have 40 years to go on most buildings," Henry said. Two installments are paid each year, totaling \$710,000. The last payment is due in 2008.

Any extra money goes to a bond sinking fund, which is actually a reserve account that helps guarantee a house payment,

Henry said. "Things have really turned around this last year. We were spending from the reserve account. But this year we should be able to put about \$300,000 in reserve. We are really pleased with this budget."

This week

Friday, June 16

Senior high level vocal and instrumental music camp concert. Guest conductor will be Gene Ghraillkill, coordinator of the University of Oklahoma band program. The concert will be at 6 p.m. in Charles Johnson Theater.

Monday, June 19

Last day to enroll or add first five-week or ten-week course on pass/fail. Last day to drop a first five-week or ten-week course.

Wednesday, June 21

Paper Moon will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Horace Mann Auditorium.

Jazzing it up

Never before have so many superstars of jazz played on the same stage and KXCV-FM (90.5) will have it all, live from the White House lawn on June 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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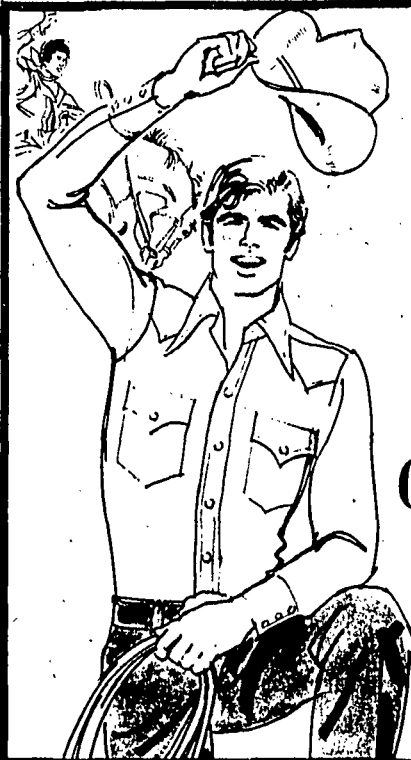
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"Structurally, the building is sound," said Steve Easton, director of technical services. But, he explained, the conditions had to be brought up to meet certain safety and appearance standards.

For instance, new heating and cooling systems are being added.

"The new systems reduce the amount of heating and air conditioning needed," said Dr. Robert Bush, assistant to the president. "There was no air conditioning in some areas and window units are expensive to maintain."

Cosmetically speaking, he continued, the building had many problems. Blistering plaster, unattractive paint, steam-heat leakage and corroded pipes name only a few.

"We're remodeling several of the office complexes," said Easton. "But there are different degrees of remodeling. The president's office--we've completely gutted it. And everything else will be painted. There is no paneling and we'll put in suspended ceilings."

The Administration Building was built in 1907. Present renovation of the old structure has taken the form of three phases.

Phase I included "behind the walls" changes according to Dr. Bush. These included basement utility systems and roof repair.

Last summer Phase II added the KDLX-KXCV radio stations and speech and theatre offices on fourth floor, plus the heating, cooling and elevators for these additions.

Phase III, a \$616,000 operation, will be completed in late August.

Says Dr. Bush, "We're trying to restore some of the original design and original architecture of the building. All in all the building is really coming back into its own."

between the old and new roofs and with the sun so hot the water almost boiled. So it vaporized, formed steam and began leaks. The water was standing six inches under the new roof."

Damage was contained in the old wing of the library, including the research room and most of the stacks, where the faulty roof was put on in 1974.

"Leaks began in the Missouriana Room and moved south," said Dr. Koch. Water poured from the ceiling and down windows, leaked into joints between new and old sections of the building and ran down standards to the fifth level of the stacks.

Damage included ruined ceiling tiles (a maximum of 700 will have to be replaced according to Dr. Koch), finish taken from furniture and window sills, a few

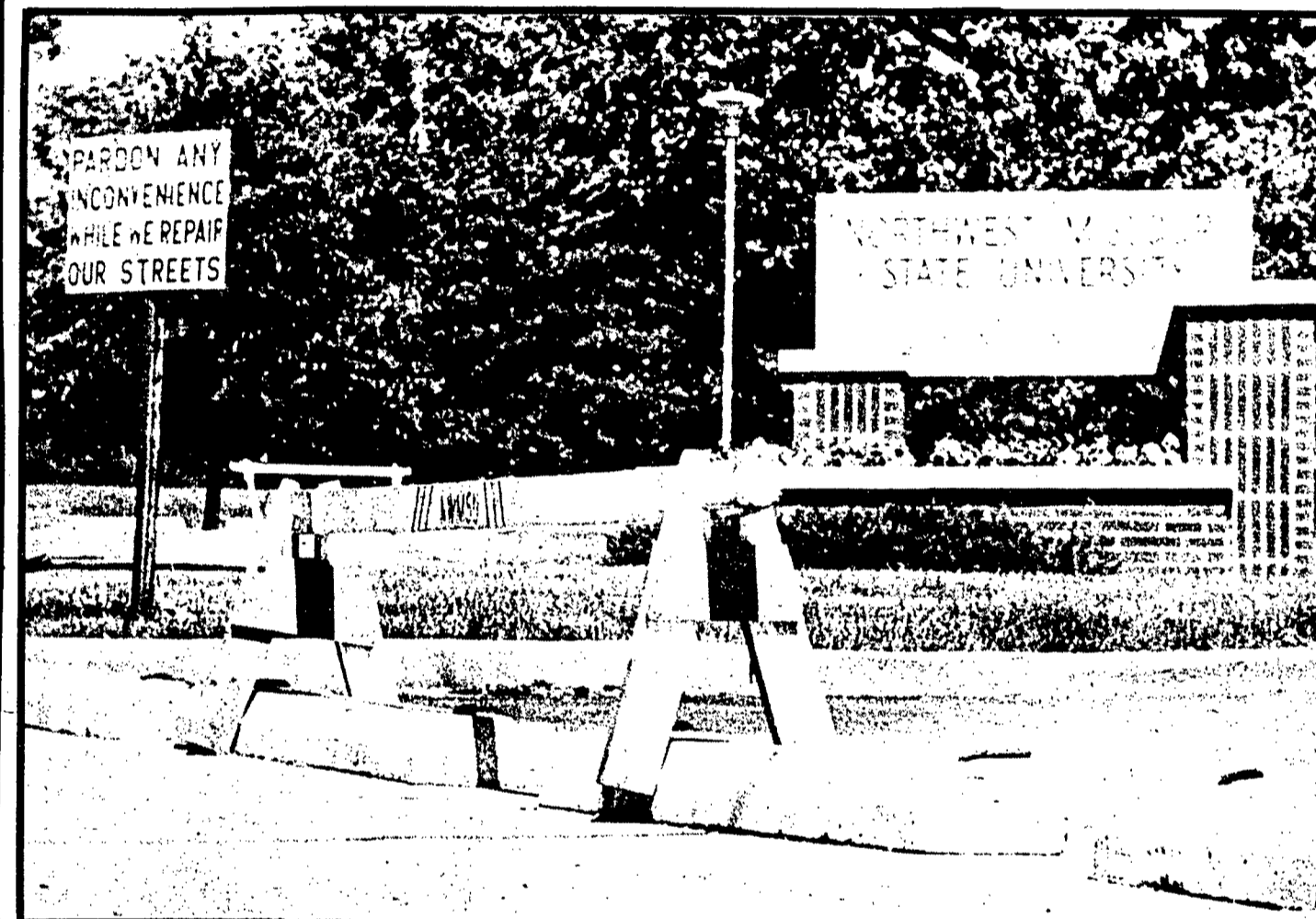
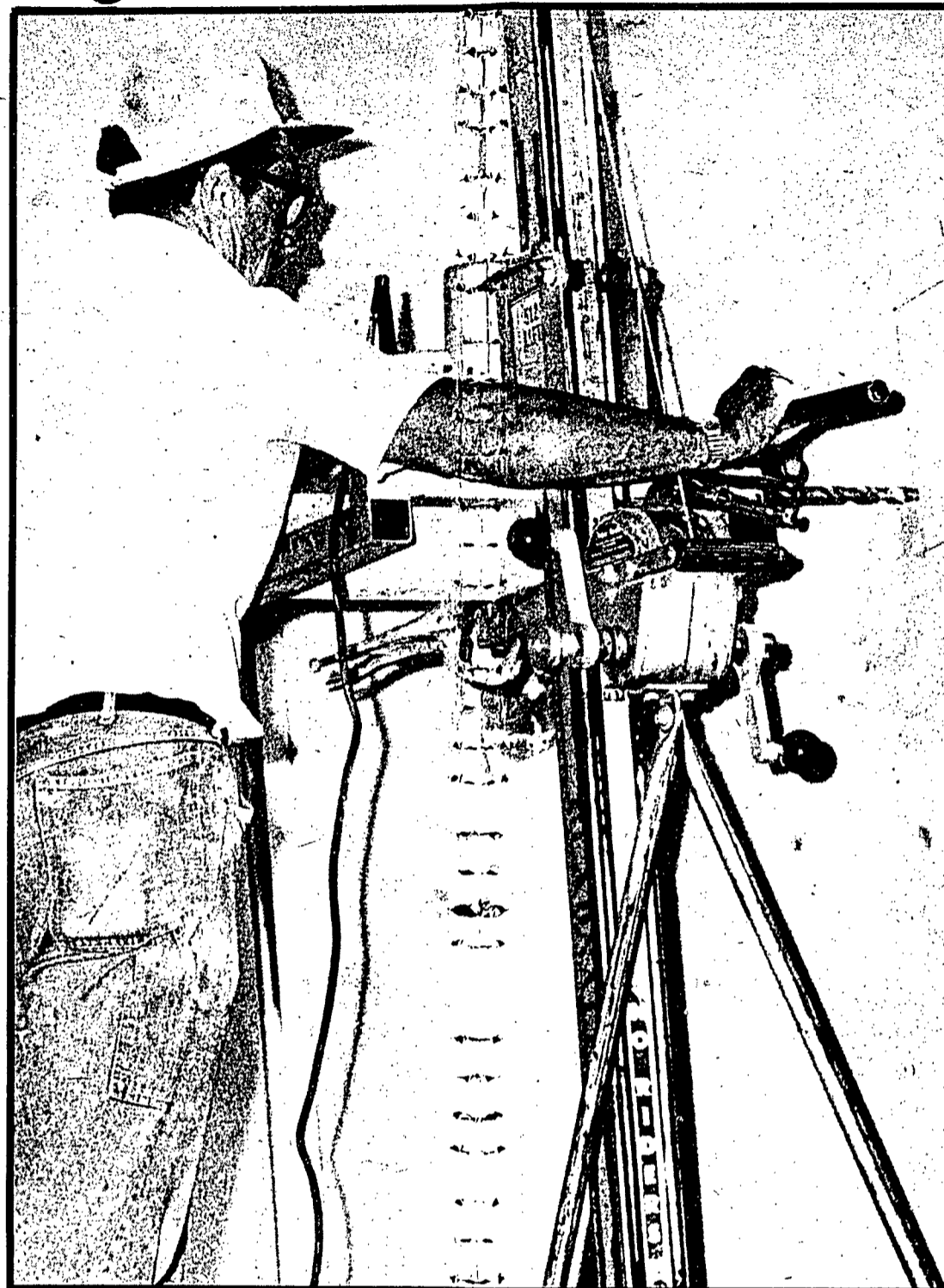
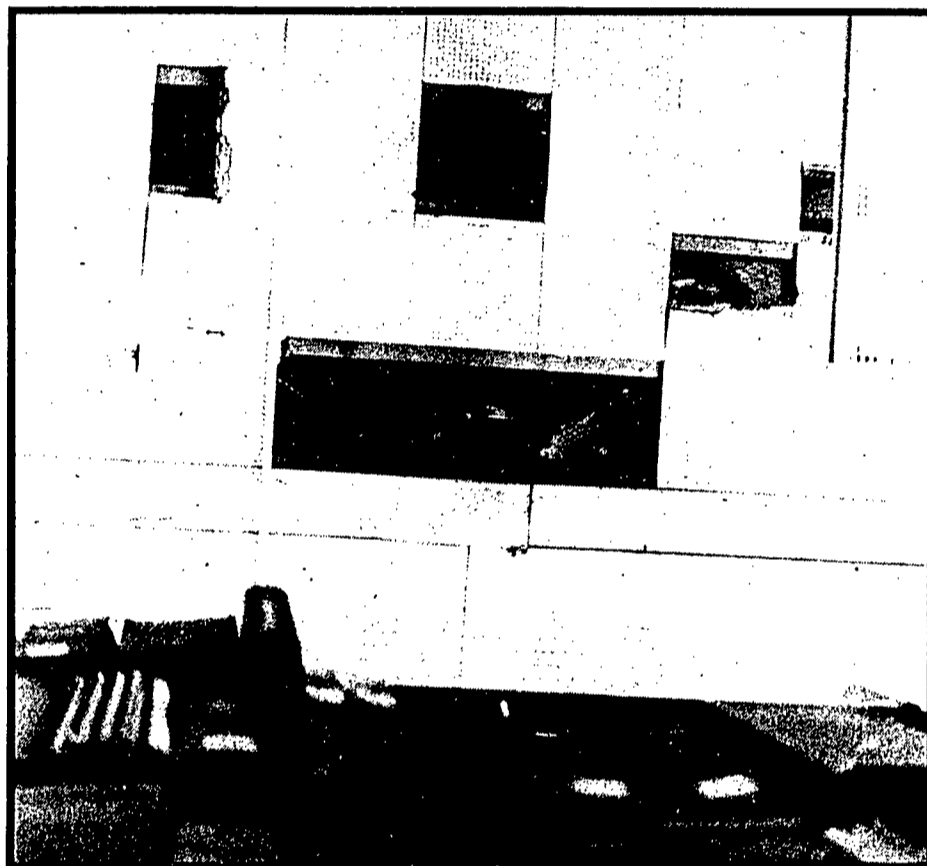
water-damaged books and water-stained walls.

"It has curtailed our activities a lot," said Dr. Koch. "But the students weren't inconvenienced that much. The worst rains came during the intersessions. The weather cooperated with the University's schedule."

Electrical danger was a concern during the heavy downpours and Dr. Koch cited a time when power had to be turned off. The water had gushed down on to the head desk and got the checking-out equipment wet.

"But I just brought my hair dryer in the next day and we were all right," said Dr. Koch.

The total roofing project ran about \$12-\$13,000. Internal damages have not been financially estimated.



That's not all, folks

There is more to come.

According to Dr. Bush, the J.W. Jones Student Union will have its share of renovative glory this summer.

Plans include work done on the Den, student lounge and ballroom. Minor operations include security, placement and alumni offices.

In addition, four University buildings will have new roofs and another 15 or so will have roofs repaired.

Says Dr. Bush, "Once you've got something wrong and you don't take care of it, you know what happens."

Water, water everywhere

For the Wells Library, spring showers this year have been nothing short of disastrous. Because the roof leaked. And leaked. And leaked.

"The rain is like an alarm clock now," said Dr. Charles William Koch, director of learning resources. "I'm up here until 3:00 some mornings, then back in at 5:00."

"Lots of people came to our rescue in the middle of the night during the big rains. We'd be in here covering up the books and pumping out the water."

"We made funnels out of plastic," he continued, "to shoot the water into trash cans. One bucket was being filled after another."

The roof was indeed a mess. It was put on in 1974, less than four years before the leakage began.

Dr. Bush explained why the damage occurred. "A roof should last 20 years," he said. "But they took the old roof--which was in good shape with no leaks, but they figured it was time for a new one--and swept off the gravel and put new insulation and tar paper on top of the old. But the new roof has a flaw and water got in



Life in the fast lane

One way.

Well, so much for freedom of choice.

In fact, there is little choice left when it comes to driving on campus anymore. Not since the New Driving Patterns came into effect.

"Changing traffic is a moral issue," explained Dr. Robert Bush, assistant to the president. "Almost like sex education."

But like sex education, traffic changes can be healthy. Any they do happen sometimes.

So what the new plan has in mind is this: Heavily-traveled roads through the center of campus will be closed down and the traffic will be forced to use perimeter roads around the outer portion of campus.

Of course, such roads don't exist. The University has to create them. One will be cut north and south on the east side of the Valk Industrial Arts Building to link Ninth and Seventh Street exits and entries. And the other will run from the west side of Garrett-Strong Science Building to the drive on the north side of the high rise dorms.

The question is: Why? Why shut down old roads and build new ones when the old ones, save for a few holes (which incidentally will be repaired along with the parking lots this summer), worked out just fine?

"You have to look at the facility and ask yourself, 'What is it for?'" said Dr. Bush. And he answered his own question with the obvious reply--we're here to get an education.

"So we want the campus to be peaceful--to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city square. All the noise gets to you after awhile. And it detracts from the University atmosphere you're trying to maintain."

The total cost of the project--including building new roads and resurfacing old ones--is \$60,000. The road patterns will primarily be the same as they are now, with the road running between the Wells Library and Roberta Hall opening after construction and the one-way road in front of the Administration Building closing off with the completion of the perimeter roads.

"I'm sure there'll be complaints," said Dr. Bush. "I'd have to be very naive to think there would be no complaints. There will be the normal trauma of change, but once that's over the shock will disappear."

THE CREATION of a new campus atmosphere is in abundance this summer. Above and Clockwise: A roadblock and sign of apology greet all who enter campus. The 'tar baby' has a dirty job trying to repair the leaking library roof. The damage itself, as seen from under a shelf of research books. A construction worker power drills an Administration Building wall. The skeleton of a new office complex in the Ad building.

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People



These band campers practice daily in preparation for the concert which will culminate the week's activities at 6 p.m., June 16 in the Charles Johnson Theater. Music camp is one of 14 camps which will take place on this campus during the summer. The camps provide instruction in seven different areas including basketball, music, tennis, journalism, cheerleading, gymnastics and volleyball. Elementary, junior high, and high school students from Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska attend the camps sponsored by the various departments here.

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Flanagan named athletics director

Richard Flanagan has been named the University's Director of Athletics. His appointment will become effective July 1 and he'll replace Michael Hunter who resigned Feb. 7.

University administrators think highly of Flanagan and their reactions reflect their respect. "This University is dedicated to maintaining the high quality and integrity of our athletic programs," said President Dr. B.D. Owens when he announced Flanagan's appointment. "I am delighted the selection process has identified such a man as Dick Flanagan as the University's next director of athletics."

Dr. John Mees, vice-president for student development, also spoke highly of Flanagan. "We are fortunate to secure the services of a man with such a wide experience background to direct our athletic programs," said Dr. Mees. "Dick knows the problems of high school coaches and athletics, he is highly regarded by our student athletes and the members of our coaching staffs, and he has the genuine respect of area citizens and our alumni support."

Flanagan is pleased with the

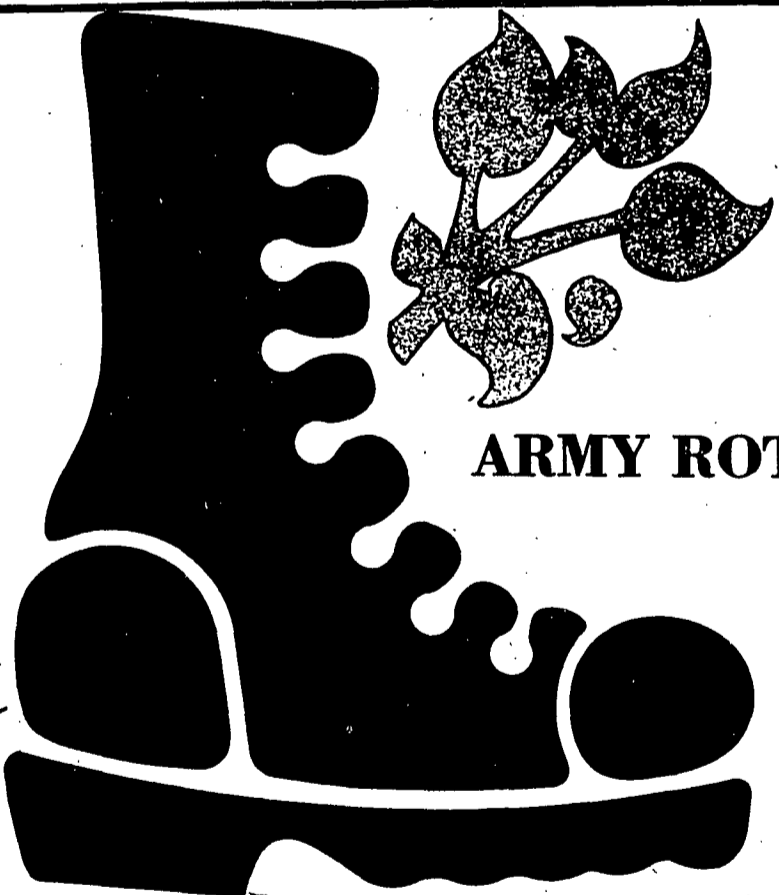
opportunity and believes that he is ready for the responsibility. Flanagan said, "My main priorities are solidifying the men's and women's athletic department and providing leadership for the athletic department." He also wants to strengthen the bond between coaches and the athletic director. He added that the administration made it clear to him that he had the responsibility and authority to make decisions.

Flanagan believes that the success of an athletic program is more dependent on the coaches than the facilities and equipment. The facilities are "an important priority" and he wants to complete a number of projects at Rickenbrode Stadium, as well as work on the Lamkin Gymnasium and Martindale pool.

Flanagan praised the Northwest Booster Club for their contribution to the success of the athletic department. He also says that communication is an important element of success.

"My responsibility is first to the University, and second to the coaches, and I'll be working on their behalf," Flanagan said.

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Team wins MIAA title, seven capture honors

For the first time in six seasons the Bearcat baseball team did not win 20 games. However they won their third Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championship. The team ended the season with an 18-10 record in a schedule limited by unusually inclement weather.

The team received other honors, too. The team's success was moving Marty Albertson to shortstop and letting rookie Bob Gonsoulin play third base.

The team received other honors, too. Wasem was named Coach of the Year for the third time in his six Bearcat seasons and six team members were honored by the MIAA.

Freshman third baseman Bob Gonsoulin earned Rookie of the Year honors in the MIAA. Gonsoulin led the team in hitting with a .446 batting average and was a defensive standout at the hot corner. He was also named second team all-conference and second team all-regional honors.

Last year's Rookie of the Year, Bill Sobbe, ignored the sophomore jinx and earned first team honors for the second

successive season. Sobbe was named all-conference catcher and had a .392 batting average. Defensively, he had five bases stolen off of him all year. Because of his season's performance, Sobbe was also named to the all-district and the all-north central regional tournament team as a designated hitter.

Sobbe's battery mate, sophomore right handed pitcher Tom Franke was also included on the all-conference team. He finished the year at 7-0 and his 1.12 earned run average ranked among the best in the nation. Franke topped the 'Cats in innings pitched with 66 and in strikeouts with 52. Besides all-conference, he earned all-district and third team all-American honors.

Other Bearcats which received first team honors were the team's double play combination of sophomore second baseman Bill Barton and senior shortstop Marty Albertson. Barton hit .335 last season and was a unanimous choice for all-conference, all-regional and all-tournament teams.

Albertson, who hit .226, shared the all-conference second base spot with

Northeast Missouri's Doug Hays. It was Albertson's second year on the all-conference team. He led the 'Cats with 16 stolen bases.

Another Bearcat was named to the all-conference second team unit. Joining Gonsoulin was Kansas City junior left fielder Gary Hinton. Hinton hit .322 for the

year and was also named on the all-regional team.

Conference honors also went to senior Steve Frailey, who earned mention honors for the second season. Also receiving mention honor was junior first baseman Mike McIntire.



Coach of the year Jim Wasem rallies his 1978-winning Bearcat baseball team.

(Photo by Jay Liebenguth)

Coach Orr predicts good season

Leonard Orr, graduate assistant to Coach Larry Holley, was named the assistant basketball coach June 5. His responsibilities for the 1979 basketball season include recruiting and coaching.

Orr looks forward to next year. "We started to turn things around last season and with our seven signees this spring and our five starters returning, we think we are on the verge of some good things. I'm glad I'm going to be a part of those good things," said Orr.

Holley's comments were positive about working with Orr again. "Len did a great job as a graduate assistant and with his

appointment and having Coach Morley with us another year, our program has a great deal of stability which is important to our second-year program."

When Orr and Holley work together next fall, Coach Holley has the final say, but according to the head coach his assistant will definitely be involved in the program.

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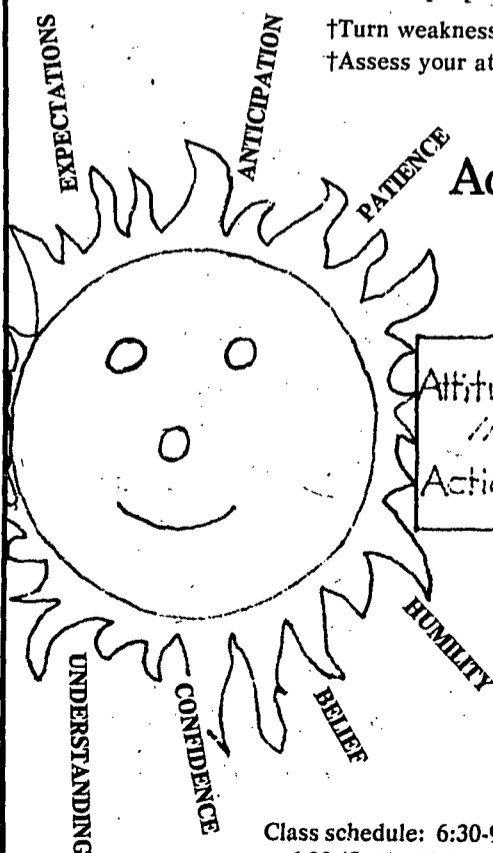
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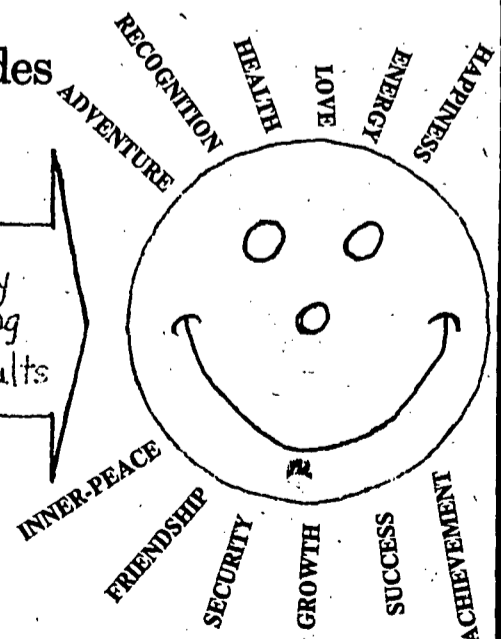
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Your Stroller was in his car, the SSL (Super Sunkist Lemon) cruisin' back to the big M'ville when the catastrophe started. He was in fine form, daydreaming about the boozin' and cruisin' days ahead and about the chickies toasting their little bods on Franken Beach, when he noticed an obstacle in the road. Not an obstacle, many obstacles--65 of them to be exact.

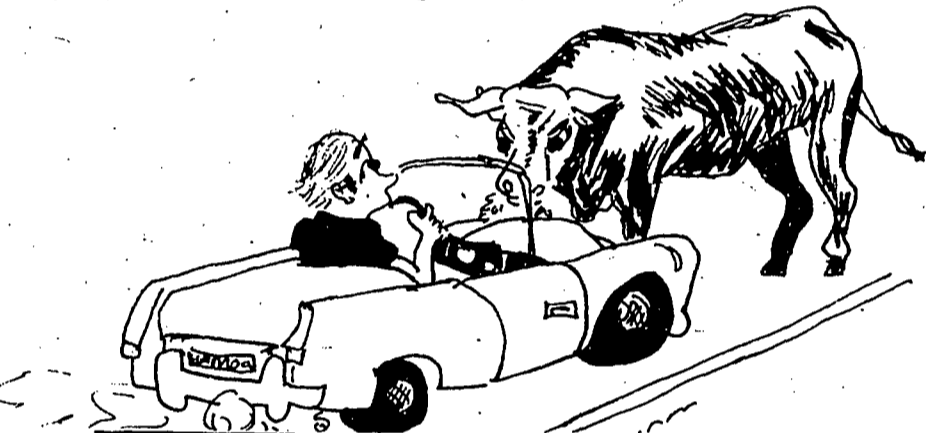
Sixty-five cows had congregated in the middle of the highway. Your Stroller was looking over the hunky-dory situation and was envisioning a stampede which would overtake his person. There was only one thing for your Hero to do--break through!

fumes had infiltrated your Hero's sinuses, it was a ghastly aroma. Unfortunately your Stroller had no dough for a car wash and he was still an hour away from campus. However, his lightning-quick mind remembered the nose plugs he had stashed in the glove compartment--what a life saver.

Finally, over the next hill he could see it--Maryville; it was a Heaven-scent sight for sore noses. Home free, at last.

Your Hero made a bee-line for Seventh Street to get into campus. As he crossed the tracks and started to round the curve--he saw the sign and screeched to a halt. "Street Closed." Not yet uptight about it, your Hero headed to the Fourth Street entrance and saw the Barricade there too.

Your Stroller did not know who had master-minded the new obstacle course



Your Campus Cowboy continued to ease his way through the herd until he had a clear shot for the daylight and clean pavement. Everything was going right nifty until he crept up on a stubborn bull.

Not one to be pushy, your Hero decided to wait him out. But this took awhile. Your Stroller nudged the bull along. The bull's big, black eyes gave your Stroller the ol' hairy eyeball glance and proceeded to turn around.

At first, your hero thought his plan had been successful, but alas it was not a smart move--the bull turned and did his thing all over the hood of the SSL. Then Bossie, not a particularly apt name for a bull, smiled at your humiliated Hero and went on his merry way.

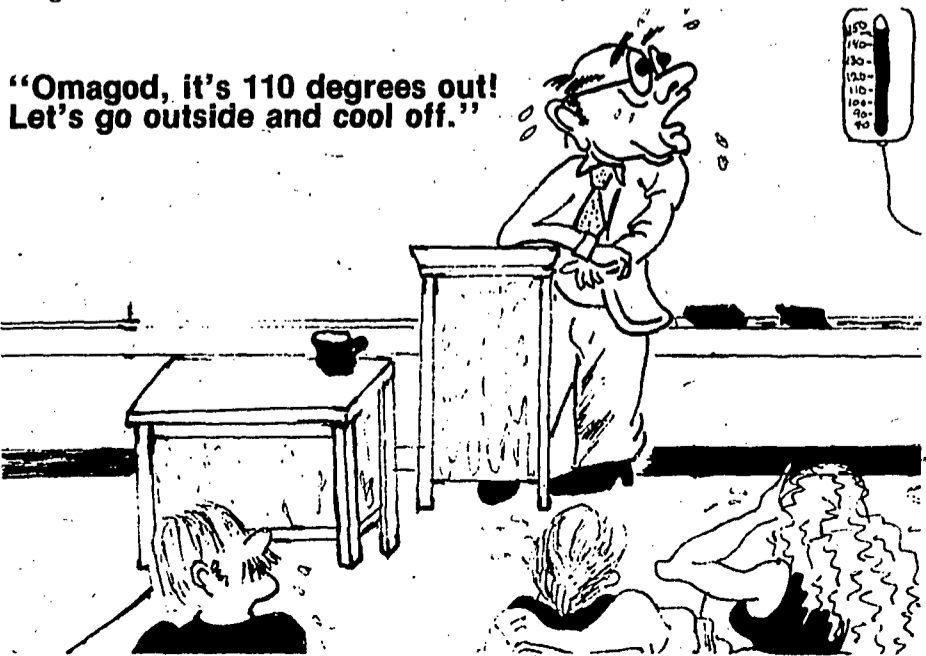
Two hours later and 95 degrees warmer, your Stroller noticed odoriferous fumes rising from the hood of the Lemon. The

but this road maze was beginning to be a major pain in the drain. Eventually he entered campus via the overland Ninth Street route. Going behind the Ad Building your hero was like a race horse charging down the stretch to get to home sweet home.

He didn't see the concrete blocks in the road. He didn't see anything until Security's observant, and quite speedy ticket writers approached the scene, with their nifty new red lights just a flashin' away. The officers approached your Stroller but then stopped and retreated to their car. With the public address system they ordered your Hero to "get that stinking heap out of there."

Your Stroller removed his nose plugs and grinned. Bossie wasn't so bad after all. He had come through with aromatic odors to save your Stroller from a stinkin' ticket.

"Omagod, it's 110 degrees out!
Let's go outside and cool off."



New traffic routes--all or nothing at all

So you find the new campus driving patterns a pain. Well, you're right. They are. But inconvenience is a small price to pay. Because a beautiful campus is worth it.

The roads will take some getting used to and we may go the wrong way down a one-way street before we realize it. But pretty soon the new patterns will come naturally, just as the old ones did.

Of course, the new routes mean more footwork (egads!) because many centrally-located buildings will be inaccessible by car. We're used to driving right up to the doorstep and now we will be forced to walk. For some this may present a true problem but for most of us only a minor annoyance.

The beauty will become apparent with the completion of the perimeter roads connecting Seventh and Ninth Streets and Garrett-Strong with the High Rise dorms. Traffic will no longer be zooming through campus--rather, it will be zooming around campus leaving the University safer and quieter.

However, less than desirable judgement was used by University officials when the existing roads became blocked before perimeter roads were built. This produced highly negative reactions--and reasonably so--from students traveling the only half-finished roads, and created a problem where none existed.

This decision will be the downfall--if perchance there is a downfall of the new road system. The entire plan is workable, understandable, even likable when presented in its entirety, but most students are not even aware of its existence.

Communication and administrative decisions can make or break any proposal. So lets hope next time a good one comes along it doesn't lose something in the translation.

Letter

To the Editor;

I just want to set the record straight here for once and for all: The walrus was John.

I am referring, of course, to the on-going controversy over which Beatle is wearing the walrus costume in their movie and on the album *Magical Mystery Tour* (1967).

In your April 21 issue you ran an article titled "Test Your Trivia Quiz," in which this question was posed; "Which Beatle was the walrus?" The following week you supplied an incorrect response to the question; "The walrus was Paul."

I hypothesize that your error was prompted by the line of "Glass Onion" from the Beatles' *White Album* (1968), which says, verbatim, "The walrus was Paul."

It seems obvious that Lennon and McCartney were merely toying with the people who were wrapped up in trying to glean clues from the Beatles' albums that Paul was dead. (But that's another story.) The line in question refers to the fact that the walrus symbolizes death in some cultures.

My assertion that the walrus was John is supported by several facts, which I shall proceed to enumerate.

1. In referring to the *Magical Mystery Tour* album one will note that on the centerfold photo John is pictured seated at the piano, as Paul stands holding his guitar. (Note here, too, that Paul is the only left-handed Beatle.)

In the photos in which they are pictured wearing their costumes, note that the left-handed guitarist is a gorilla. The walrus is seated at the piano.

2. In the song "God" on his John Lennon/Plastic Ono Bond album (1970), Lennon admits;

I was the dreamweaver,/But now I'm reborn/I was the walrus/But now I'm John...

Anyone who is familiar with this song can attest to Lennon's sincerity, evidenced

by the emotion with which he vocalizes the entire song.

3. However, if you still aren't convinced, refer back once again to the *Magical Mystery Tour* album. Note that on the cover the gorilla (Paul) is wearing a watch on his right hand. Throughout the enclosed booklet, Paul is the only Beatle pictured wearing a watch at all, let alone in a left-handed fashion. Therefore, the cover alone stands as sufficient proof that the walrus was John.

I just thought you might like to know.

A Concerned Reader

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